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1. During January Soviet advisers brought a large consignment of machinery to Mutanchiang (124-37, 44-35) to erect an arsenal occupying over 1,000 mou of land. The arsenal has over 2,000 technical personnel, including 600 German and Japanese in addition to Soviet advisers. The workmen are prisoners. The arsenal was completed during April, and trespassers are shot without warning within two miles around it.
2. In early May 88 T-34 tanks arrived in Mukden from the USSR for two Chinese Communist armored car divisions. Recently 800 Soviet commissioned and non-commissioned army officers arrived in Manchuria to train Chinese Communists in the use of these tanks.
3. In mid-May there was a large forest fire in the Muleng (130-15, 44-32)-Sant'sohoutsu area near Mutanchiang.

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